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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.114
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION

PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 21756-013300

Client Ref. No.: OID-2005-162-10

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Shawn P. Delany et al.

Application No.: 09/998,898

Filed: November 30, 2001

For: POLICIES FOR MODIFYING
GROUP MEMBERSHIP

Customer No.: 51206

Confirmation No. 4155

Examiner: Abdullahi Elmi Salad

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2157

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Via Express Mail, Mail Stop RCE

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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments and remarks as a submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 as part of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Claims 1, 3-5, 7-18, 20-24, 26-31 and 33-42 are currently pending.

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 4, 2006 on the above-referenced application, and the Advisory Action mailed December 29, 2006, a *Petition to Extend Time to Respond* from January 4, 2007 to February 4, 2007 is enclosed herewith. This Amendment is timely filed Monday, February 5, 2007, as the one-month extension due date fell on Sunday, February 4, 2007. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.